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1. U.S. COVERAGE

-- A BRIEF BUT ACIDLY WORDED ITEM IN THE MAJOR PAPERS (PR, IZ, KZ) REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVED BUKOVSKIY --"A CONVICTED CRIMINAL WHO IS ALSO KNOWN AS AN ACTIVE OPPONENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS"--IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THAT EARLIER BUKOVSKIY HAD MET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT. IT LEAVES READERS TO DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE ATTITUDES AND POLICIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

-- A TASS ACCOUNT FROM NEW YORK (PR, KZ,) STRESSES THE HYPOCRISY OF THE U.S. POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AS SHOWN BY AMERICA'S FAILURE TO SIGN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND VARIOUS UN CONVENTIONS DEALING WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AS WELL AS IN REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY U.S. AUTHORITIES. IZVESTIYA FOCUSES ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S REDUCTIONS IN FOREIGN AID TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND DESCRIBES THEM AS DECEPTIVE "DIVERSIONARY MANEUVERS".

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT A SOVIET EYE DOCTOR IS PERFORMING OPERATIONS ON U.S. GLAUCOMA PATIENTS AND TEACHING NEW TECHNIQUES TO HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES.

2. EUROPE - GENERAL

--PRAVDA CARRIES TEXT OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S LETTER TO UNSYG WALDHEIM CONCERNING THE PROPOSED UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). THE LETTER ENDORSES INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARD DISARMAMENT, NOTES NUMEROUS SOVIET INITIATIVES, AND SAYS THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SSOD COULD BE A USEFUL STEP TOWARD A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

--IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY COLUMN, BY S. ZYKOV, DENOUNCES WESTERN ALLEGATIONS ABOUT A MYTHICAL "SOVIET THREAT" AND SAYS THAT NATO, WITH ITS JOINT MANEUVERS, IS THE REAL THREAT. THESE ARE "AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF DETENTE," SAYS ZYKOV, JUST AS CREATING A "MILITARY PSYCHOSIS" IS AGAINST THE CSCE SPIRIT.

--IZVESTIYA CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH FINNISH PRIME MINISTER MIETTUNEN ON THE NEED TO BUILD FROM THE CSCE BASE TO ENSURE PEACE IN EUROPE.

--IZVESTIYA CARRIES AN ITEM FROM BONN CORRESPONDENT N. POLYANOV ABOUT THE ALLEGED "HUNT FOR RADICALS" IN THE FRG. ARTICLE MENTIONS SEVERAL RECENTLY PUBLICIZED CASES INCLUDING THAT OF NUCLEAR PHYSICIST TRAUBE, AND COMPARES ATTITUDE TO MCCARTHY RED-SCARES.

--PRAVDA REPORTS THAT BULGARIAN PARTY CHIEF ZHIVKOV RECEIVED THE SOVIET DELEGATION (PONOMAREV, KATUSHEV, ZIMYANIN) AT THE

SOFIA MEETING OF FRATERNAL PARTIES.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS BONN ITEM CITING SDP CHAIRMAN BRANDT'S SUPPORT FOR DETENTE AND HIS OPPOSITION TO CDU/CSU CRITICISM. ITEM CITES BRANDT WARNING THAT SUPPORT FOR "SO-CALLED DISSIDENTS" COULD UNDERMINE DETENTE.

--PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS GDR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NIER'S "DECISIVE PROTEST" TO THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OVER FRG PRESS CRITICISM OF THE GDR PERMANENT REP IN THE FRG.

3. MIDDLE EAST

--CENTRAL PRESS NOTES CASTRO VISIT TO LIBYA. PRAVDA AND KZ CITE STATEMENT IN TRIPOLI AL-FAJR AL-JADID ON LIBYAN-CUBAN SOLIDARITY AGAINST UNCEASING INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALIST STATES "LED BY USA."

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--K. GEYRANDOV IN PRAVDA DESCRIBES CONTINUED TENSION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

--CONTINUING A RECENT TREND, PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" B V. PERESADA DESCRIBES POLITICAL EVENTS INSIDE ALGERIA (ESPECIALLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) IN GLOWING TERMS.

4. AFRICA

--PRAVDA NOTES VISIT TO MOSCOW OF "ZIMBABWE DELETATION LED BY ZAPU PRESIDENT KNOMO. NKOMO TELLS TASS REPORTER THAT WESTERN STATES WHICH WORRY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IGNORING RACIST POWERS' GENOCIDE.

--YURIYI ZHUKOV HAS A LONG, DETAILED ARTICLE IN PRAVDA ON SUPPORT OF U.S. MONOPOLIES (SPECIFICALLY G.E.) FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S NAMIBIA POLICY. STORY IS BASED LOOSELY ON ALLEGED SECRET U.S. DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED IN LAGOS TIMES INTERNATIONAL, AND ALSO ALLEGES CIA INTEREST IN SUBVERTING SWAPO AND BUILDING UP CLEMENS KAPUO.

--IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE ON RECRUITING OF MERCENARIES (ESPECIALLY IN ENGLAND) FOR ACTION AGAINST AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

--KZ CITES SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE'S REMARKS THAT SOMALIA'S EXPERIENCE ENABLES ITS PEOPLE TO PRECISELY DETERMINE WHO THEIR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES ARE.

5. LATIN AMERICA

--PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT GUYANA GOVERNMENT DENIAL OF CHARGES THAT PM BURNHAM TOOK MONEY FROM CIA.

--PRAVDA NOTES CONTINUED TENSE SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR. TASS FROM SAN JOSE SAYS CURRENT REGIME REMAINS PROTEGE AND FERVENT DEFENDER OF INTERESTS OF AMERICAN MONOPOLIES AND LOCAL OLIGARCHY.

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--IZVESTIYA PRINTS ABRIDGED VERSION OF ARTICLE FROM FRG'S STERN ON UNSANITARY CONDITIONS, CRIME, UNEMPLOYMENT AND OVER-POPULATION IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

6. ASIA

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT THAT LAOTIAN PARTY CHIEF AND PREMIER KAYSONE PHOMVISAN RECEIVED THE SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION, HEADED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NIYAZBEKOV. IZVESTIYA ALSO REPORTS THAT CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET'S COUNCIL OF NATIONALITIES RUBEN RECEIVED A LAOTIAN YOUTH DELEGATION HEADED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY MAICHANTAN SENGMANI (PHONETIC).
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